IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Noriaki TAKAKURA

Title:

PROCESS SCHEDULER

WITHOUT LONG OVERHEAD AND LARGE MEMORY AND SCHEDULING METHOD USED

THEREIN

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In reply to the office action mailed February 27, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: